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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper responds to an Official Action dated December 15, 2004, for which a three month shortened statutory period of time for response expires March 15, 2004. Applicant presents the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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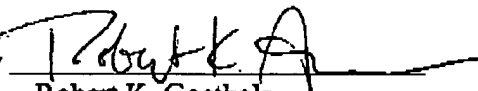
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